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Support for HB 5147

I had not heard of congenital CMV before my friend lost her second child, Madeline Leigh, on February 12th due to CMV related complications. Madeline was only 12 days old. Nothing could be more traumatic to a group of young moms than realizing this could happen to ANY of us, and none of us had any idea about CMV.

It only takes a few minutes of on-line research to discover that CMV is a common virus and not harmful among toddlers, that is transmitted by exchange of body fluids. In those same few minutes of research it becomes clear that there are simple precautionary measures that pregnant women can implement to lower the incidence of infection.

Women who want to expand their families deserve to know that there is a risk of infection and that there are simple measures they can take to significantly reduce that risk.

Some simple education can reduce the CMV risk for newborns and end some of this heartache.

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